



# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Supervisors:

## **APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICERS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Appoint Alex Garcia and Julie Moore as Hearing Officers.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On November 26, 1995, the Board of Supervisors passed ordinances establishing a Hearing Officer within the Department of Regional Planning. Hearing Officers hold public hearings on routine applications freeing the Regional Planning Commission to focus on significant proposals.

Section 22.08.080 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) requires that all appointments as Hearing Officer be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The appointment of the Hearing Officers promote the County's Strategic Plan goals for responsiveness and professionalism. Hearing Officers also enhance the delivery of service to the public and help manage effectively the County's resources by reducing the number of cases heard by the Regional Planning Commission.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no cost to the County associated with appointments as such Hearing Officers are employees of the Department of Regional Planning. Since there is no fiscal impact, there is no need for financing.

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**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County Code (Zoning Ordinance) Section 22.08.080 permits the Director of Planning to appoint Hearing Officers, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, to perform the duties prescribed by Title 22 relating to the conducting of public hearings and making determinations on land use permits and variances.

Respectfully submitted,



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